

REMARKS

On November 21, 2005, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination requesting the Examiner to enter and consider the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on September 19, 2005. In addition to the remarks contained in that Amendment, Applicant requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

It is the Examiner's position that Tajima shows that the light emissions are allocated to each subfield as claimed along with the weight of each subfield. The Examiner further asserts that the limitation as claimed is satisfied in that the weights of the subfields as disclosed by Tajima clearly influence the number of light emissions allotted.

Regarding claims 1 and 3, it is recited that, for at least one of the subfields, the number of light emissions to be allotted respectively to the discharge cells inside the discharge cell block are rendered different.

In the gray scales displaying method of Tajima, weights of sub-frames are changed between the first mode (shown in Fig. 22) and the second mode (shown in Fig. 23).

More specifically, between the modes shown Figs. 22 and 23, the positions of the circles in the first sub-frame 4(1) and the last sub-frame 4(2) are reversed relative to each other. Similarly, the positions of the circles in the second sub-frame 8(1) and fifth sub-frames are reversed from each other.

However, Applicant submits that, in the displaying method of Tajima, the weightings 4, 8, 2, 1, 8, 4 allotted to the first to sixth sub-frames are the same between the first mode and the second mode. Even though Tajima shows that an overall gray scale levels are obtained by the combination of the first mode gray-scale levels and the second mode gray-scale levels, which are

different in change point of the gray-scale display level as shown in Fig. 27 (see column 23, lines 62-64), this is not directly related to the weightings of the sub-frames mentioned above.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's assertions regarding the disclosure of Tajima are not supported by the disclosure of Tajima reference.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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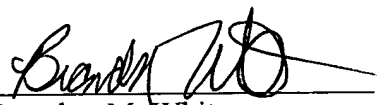
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